



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:  
HARRIS ET AL.

Examiner: JOHN M. COONEY

Serial No.: 09/939,714

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Title: OPEN PORE BIODEGRADABLE MATRICES

**REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002, kindly amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:**

B<sup>1</sup> - This application claims priority benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.  
60/042,198 filed March 31, 1997. -